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To: Tuberculosis Control or Communicable Disease Staff
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From: Peter Davidson
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Subject: Incident case reporting for tuberculosis using Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS)

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming change in the way suspect or active tuberculosis cases will be reported to the MDCH TB program. Beginning January 1, 2008, a tuberculosis suspect/case reporting form will be available in the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS). This form has been patterned after the Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis (RVCT) form that is currently used for tuberculosis case reporting. As of January 1, 2008, all suspect or active tuberculosis cases should be filed using the MDSS. Prior to January 1, tuberculosis case reports should be filed using the current paper RVCT forms.

While many local health department staff are already experienced in using the MDSS, this change will introduce an unfamiliar element to some and we are working to make this transition as smooth as possible. Enclosed with this memo are concise instructions for initiating, completing and submitting tuberculosis case or suspect case reports through MDSS, as well as a printed copy of the report form for your reference. We are finalizing a detailed instruction manual for the MDSS tuberculosis form, and will mail the manual to you as soon as possible.

In addition, a training version of the MDSS tuberculosis form will be available by mid-November, 2007, in the "Training – Disease Surveillance Applications" link on the State of Michigan Single Sign On Portal Page (SSO). I encourage you to practice with the training version of the form prior to January 1. If you have questions regarding the "Training – Disease Surveillance Applications" link, or if this link is unavailable to you, please contact your regional epidemiologist for assistance. For staff that are unfamiliar with MDSS or would like additional training, we encourage you to seek assistance from colleagues in your health department who are already familiar with MDSS or your regional epidemiologist.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Davidson, Ph.D.
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